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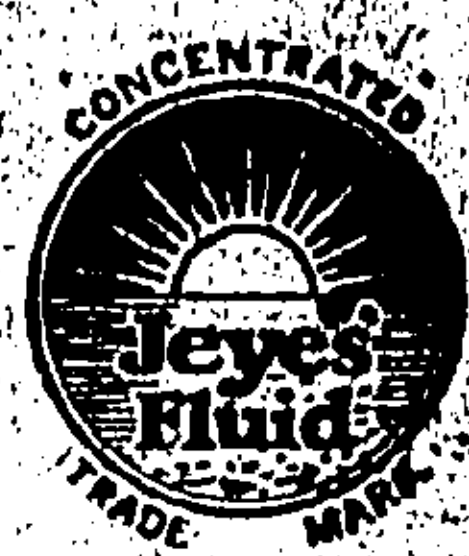
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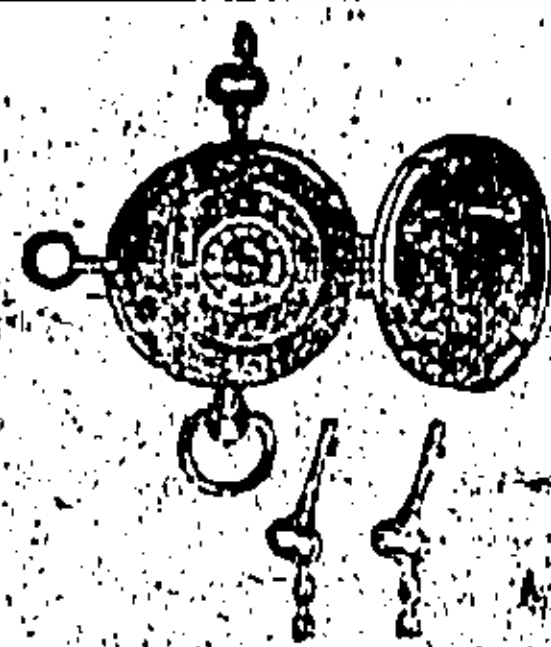
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TREATY WITH TURKS NOT AN ULTIMATUM.

FRANCE NOT NEGOTIATING SEPARATELY "AT PRESENT."

LONDON, January 31.

Authoritative circles in London do not consider that the French note to Ankara introduces any new factor into the situation and deprecate unnecessary alarm. They point out that the British do not regard the Peace Treaty as being in any way an ultimatum. They believe that France is anxious to avoid at all costs a breach with the Turks but there is no question of France's desiring separate preferential treatment by the Turks.

French official circles are surprised at the sensation in Britain in regard to the French note. It is stated that Britain has all along informed the French that she did not consider the Lausanne Treaty an ultimatum. The French desire to avoid anything that might be considered as thrusting the Turks into war and are prepared to give them time for consideration. For the present at least there is no question of separate Franco-Turkish negotiations.

FRENCH PERBIDY ALLEGED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 31.

The Turkish press is unanimous in abusing France for what they consider the unacceptable terms of the draft Treaty at Lausanne. They make charges of perfidy mingled with threats of retaliation in Smyrna. The public were led to believe that Mosul was the only difficulty but are dismayed to find that the questions of capitulations, the Ottoman public debt and the Thracean railway station at Karatash figure so largely among the conditions. The French are accused of trying to slip in objectionable clauses on the strength of Britain's quarrel over Mosul.

TURKS CHEWING IT OVER.

LAUSANNE, January 31.

Ismet Pasha has asked for a delay of a week in order to consider the Treaty. He promised meanwhile to employ every means to secure an agreement. The Conference adjourned for ten minutes to consider his reply whereafter Earl Curzon, on behalf of the Allies, granted the Turks a delay until Sunday evening. He said he hoped to shake hands on a common victory. The British delegation will remain at Lausanne until Sunday night.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP RETURNS.

MALTA, January 31.

H.M.S. "Ajax" has returned from Alexandria and is not going to the Dardanelles.

A NEW ATMOSPHERE.

"PEACE PRACTICALLY ASSURED."

LAUSANNE, February 1.

The dramatic situation created by last night's Paris telegram appears to have been entirely altered to day. The conciliatory character of to-day's speeches seems to have created a new atmosphere. The feeling prevails that peace is practically assured. It is noteworthy that the Turks have ordered a new set of seals.

GREEK C-in-C's DECLARATION.

ATHENS, February 1.

The Greek Commander-in-Chief declared that the neutral zone no longer existed, the presence of the Turkish army in East Thrace in violation of the Mudania convention freeing Greece from any engagement.

JAPAN HELPS SETTLEMENT.

LAUSANNE, February 1.

Japan has been taking a prominent part in assisting to achieve a satisfactory agreement. Baron Hayashi on many occasions impressed upon the Turks their need of peace and the conciliatory attitude of the Allies. The Japanese have postponed their departure till Sunday believing that by then an agreement will be reached.

RUBBER PRODUCTION.

LONDON, February 1.

It is officially stated that there will be no change for quarter beginning February in the percentage standard production of rubber exportable on a minimum duty from Ceylon and Malaya.

SUPER DREDNIGHT 503 FEET.

LONDON, February 1.

The British super-drednight "Conqueror" has gone to the breaking-up yards in accordance with the Washington treaty.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/3 1/16.
To-day's opening rate 2/3 1/16.

"LUSITANIA" SINKING. AN ACT OF WAR.

INSURANCE CLAIM FAILS.

ALBANY (New York), 31.

The Court of Appeal has upheld the verdict of the lower courts that the sinking of the "Lusitania" was an act of war and therefore the war clause of the insurance policy of Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt automatically nullified the policy. The Vanderbilt estate was suing the Insurance Company for refusal to pay the policy.

FUNDING BRITISH DEBT.

AMERICAN OFFER ACCEPTED.

LONDON, January 31.

The British Cabinet has decided to accept the American offer to fund the British debt for ten years at three per cent and thereafter at 3 1/2 per cent, with a half per cent sinking fund. The payments are to be spread over sixty years altogether.

WAY NOW OPENED.

WASHINGTON, February 1.

The Secretary of the Treasury states that the British decision to accept the debt suggestions has opened the way to the immediate drafting of the recommendations the President will make for the alteration of the funding law in order to legalize the proposed terms.

RUHR DECISION.

NO MORE COAL FOR GERMANY.

PARIS, January 31.

The Franco-Belgian Governments have informed the German Government that in view of the general default declared by the Reparations Commission the occupation authorities on the Ruhr have been ordered to prevent any despatch of coal and coke to occupied Germany as from to-morrow. The right is reserved to impose fresh sanctions if they prove necessary.

SAGELIEN OIL CONCESSIONS.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S COMMENT.

LONDON, January 31.

The Manchester Guardian says that further light is desirable regarding the grant of oil concessions in Saghalien to an American corporation and asks whether the Japanese Government will welcome the construction of American ports in a place so contiguous to Japan.

LONDON EXCHANGE MARKET.

BUSINESS "VERY DIFFICULT"

LONDON, January 31.

The London exchange market was violently erratic and business difficult. Marks closed at 220,000/325,000 French francs at 79/35, Belgian francs at 91/15, lire at 92 1/2 and sterling at 4/6 3/4.

M.C.C. IN SOUTH AFRICA.

NEWCASTLE (Natal), January 31.

In fine, hot weather before a good crowd the Northern Districts made 137. Gilligan took 5 for 34. The M.C.C. made 294 for 8 and declared. Woolley and Mann made 53 and 79 respectively. The South Africans went in again making 67 for 8 after which the match was declared drawn.

INDIA AND WASHINGTON TREATY.

DELHI, January 31.

The Legislative Assembly passed without discussion a Bill giving effect in British India to the Washington Treaty limiting naval armaments.

OBITUARY.

LANCASHIRE FAST BOWLER.

LONDON, January 31.

The death has occurred of James Tyldesley, the Lancashire fast bowler.

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Public Auctions

His Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
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 at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.
A Quantity of Office Furniture
 Terms:—Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
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SHADOWS BEFORE.

**COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED
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ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 1.—Coronet Theatre;
 "Dream-Street." World Theatre;
 Wanda Hawley in "The House That
 Jazz Built." Kowloon Theatre; "The
 Heart of Maryland."
 February 1.—Bundman's Eastern
 Circuit Ltd., present Kato's Royal
 Hawaiian Troubadours: "Hawaiian
 Melodies."
 February 10.—The Great Australian
 Theatrical Firm, J. C. Williamson
 Ltd. present their Gilbert and Sullivan
 Opera Company. Opening Per-
 formance "The Gondoliers." Two
 nights.

LANDSALES.

February 5.—Lots of Crown land at
 Pokfulam, Cheungshawan. P.W.D.
 office at 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

February 2.—Hughes and Hough,
 Chinese porcelain, curios, lacquerware
 etc., of the Ming, Kungchi, Kien-
 lung and Tzongkong periods also jade
 ornaments, beads, Landtags, amber
 necklaces, etc. "Sales Rooms, 230
 p.m."

SPORTING EVENT.

February 19.—St. Andrew's Church
 Men's Association Annual Marathon
 Race at 4 p.m.
 February 28.—First day of Jockey
 Club's race meeting.
 March 1.—Second day of Jockey
 Club's race meeting.
 March 2.—Third day of Jockey
 Club's race meeting.
 March 3.—Fourth day of Jockey
 Club's race meeting.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 3.—The Bank of East
 Asia meeting at Co's office, 10 Des
 Voeux Road, 3.30 p.m.
 February 10.—Humphreys Estate
 and Finance Co., annual general
 meeting at Hongkong Hotel, 10.30
 a.m.
 February 10.—China Provident
 Loan and Mortgage Co., 26th an-
 nual meeting, of shareholders at
 St. George's Building, 6 Connaught
 Road, 11 a.m.
 February 15.—Hongkong and Can-
 ton, Macao Steamship Co., meeting at
 Co's office, 5a, Des Voeux Road, noon.
 February 15.—44th ordinary meet-
 ing of the Kowloon Land and Build-
 ing Co. Ltd., Victoria Buildings, at
 11.30 a.m.

FLOWER SHOW.

February 22.—Annual flower and
 vegetable show at the Hongkong

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PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR.

Mr. H. Spencer Jones, Chief
 Assistant to the Astronomer Royal
 at Greenwich, has returned home
 with his wife from Christmas Is-
 land, in the Indian Ocean, where
 the British expedition, of which he
 was the leader, was prevented by
 clouds from taking photographs of
 stars in the vicinity of the sun dur-
 ing its total eclipse on September
 21.

The main object of the expedition
 was to test the Einstein theory that
 rays of light are bent inwards as
 they pass the sun.

Mr. Spencer Jones told a Daily
 Mail reporter that there is a possi-
 bility of another expedition for a
 similar object next year. He said:
 "There will be a total eclipse of the
 sun visible in North America and
 South California on September 10.
 If the photographs of the last
 eclipse taken in North-West Aus-
 tralia by officials of the Lick (Calif-
 ornia) observatory do not produce
 results regarded as conclusive with
 regard to the Einstein theory, it is
 very probable that a British expedi-
 tion will be organized to take photo-
 graphs in America during the
 eclipse in September."

The question of confirming the
 Einstein theory is so important that
 every endeavour should be made to
 tackle it again.
 It is not expected that the results
 of the Lick expedition will be an-
 nounced before March.

BOBBED HAIR BAN.

DANCING TEACHER'S RULES.

Miss Belle Harding, the dancing
 teacher, who has representatives on
 the Continent as well as in London
 and the provinces, has issued to all
 dancing teachers employed by her
 the following notice:—

"Will those of my staff wearing
 their hair bobbed please arrange from
 now onwards to allow it to grow.
 With the fashion of very short skirts
 bobbed hair suited some types, but
 as skirts are at present much longer
 bobbed hair either makes a young
 girl look very young or an older one
 ridiculous."

Miss Harding told a Daily Mail
 reporter that she had been forced
 to take this action by the requests
 of the principals of girls' schools to
 which she supplied teachers, and
 also of hotels which engaged
 "dance hostesses."

Girls with bobbed hair do not
 look sufficiently serious to inspire
 confidence in pupils at schools, she
 said. A "dance hostess" at an hotel
 has to look dignified, and with a
 long skirt and bobbed hair she does
 not. Girls look frivolous with bob-
 bed hair.

A LARGER TRAGEDY.

Pickles are banned on the steamer
 "City of Dunedin," which arrived
 in Sydney recently.

When off the New Zealand coast
 the gale threatened to turn the
 steamer upside down, and to pre-
 vent this the captain took refuge on
 the leeward side of Stewart Island.

Before this haven of safety was
 reached, however, the steamer did
 nearly everything that a steamer
 can do in a storm without going to
 the bottom. The chief officer was
 struggling past the ladder, when
 there was a crash. Most of the
 crockery had been thrown from its
 fittings, and, anxious to see the ex-
 tent of the damage, he entered the
 larder. Just then the steamer made
 another attempt to point its bow to
 the sky, and as the chief officer was
 trying to keep his feet the whole of
 the pickles along a shelf in the
 larder showered down on him.

Every bottle was broken, and the
 officer was covered with pickles of
 every colour and blend.
 Literally in a pretty pickle, he
 struggled out on to the deck, where
 a junior officer saw him, and in his
 anxiety for the safety of the vessel
 he mistook his "chief" for a mem-
 ber of the coloured crew.

"Here, Serang—" but a volley
 of words from the "chief" stopped
 the junior officer's further com-
 mand.
 "I can't pick up a conformed
 thing in my room but it reeks of
 pickles," said the chief officer on
 the arrival of the "City of Dunedin"
 at Sydney. "I don't want to
 see a pickle again as long as I live."

Nearly every piece of crockery in
 the ship was broken during the
 storm.

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Auctioneers and Brokers.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONSIGNEES),

FRIDAY,

February 2, 1923, at 2.30 p.m., at their
Sales Room, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street.

**Chinese Porcelains, Carols, Lac-
quered Ware, &c., &c.**
Including a variety of 5-coloured and
3-coloured Vases and Jars, Wall Plates,
Table Screens, Blue and White Vases,
Incense Burners, Old Bronze and Brass
Figures, and Vases, Kakemonos, Lac-
quered Cabinets, Chairs, Screens, Tables,
Ivory Ware, Jade, Agate and Crystal
Ornaments, Mandarin Pipes.

Also many Green Jade Ornaments,
Beads, Hand Bags, Embroidered Bags,
Amber Necklaces.

The above stock recently arrived from
the North and includes pieces from the
Ming, Kungli, Kienlung and Tchowkong
Periods.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 29, 1923.

INTIMATIONS**NOTICE.**

DURING the Absence from the
Colony of Mr. F. M. WELLER,
our Company's Manager for South
China, or until further notice, Mr.
D. O. de SILVA has been empowered
to discharge the duties of Manager.
THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
OF CANADA.

15, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, January 30, 1923.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
the FEBRUARY SETTLE-
MENT DAY has been altered from
Monday, 26th to FRIDAY, 23rd
FEBRUARY, 1923.

By Order of the Committee,
P. TESTER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1923.

NOTICE.

VIOLET CAPELL is holding
Dancing Classes for children at
Kowloon every WEDNESDAYS and
FRIDAYS from 1/4 to 4 till 1/4 to
5 p.m.

Station Hotel,
Tel. K. 120.

NOTICE.

DANCING.—Learn the NEW
TANGO by M. CAMILLE DE
RYNAL, as danced in London, Paris,
and all over the Continent.
Taught in one lesson.

DAISY O'KEEFE,
(Pupil of Miss Belle Harding),
London.

King Edward Hotel, 3-7 p.m.
daily.

FARES FOR PUBLIC**VEHICLES.**

The fares prescribed for public vehicles
are as follows:—

I.—In the Island of Hongkong, Cause
Road and Lower Levels, and in
Kowloon, and New Kowloon.

RICKSHAW.

Five minutes..... 5 cents
Ten minutes..... 10
Quarter hour..... 15
Half hour..... 20
One hour..... 30
Every subsequent hour..... 30

If the rickshaw be engaged
within the City of Victoria, and be dis-
charged outside the Western part of the
City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-
charged to the East of Bay View Police
Station on the Eastern side of the City
of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half-
fare shall be chargeable.

For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or
treble respectively.

II.—In the Hill District.

Ten minutes..... 15 cents
Quarter hour..... 20
Half hour..... 30
One hour..... 40
Every subsequent hour..... 40

By arrangement with the proprietors
through the Police.

CHAISE.

I.—Lower Levels.

With 2 Drivers With 4 Drivers
Ten minutes..... 15 cents 30 cents
Quarter hour..... 20 30
Half hour..... 30 40
One hour..... 40 50
Every subsequent hour..... 40 50

II.—Hill District.

With 2 Drivers With 4 Drivers
Ten minutes..... 15 cents 30 cents
Quarter hour..... 20 30
Half hour..... 30 40
One hour..... 40 50
Every subsequent hour..... 40 50

INTIMATIONS.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &
MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDIN-
ARY ANNUAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company
will be held at the Office of the Com-
pany, St. George's Building, No. 6 Con-
naught Road, on SATURDAY the 10th
of February, 1923, at 11 o'clock A.M.
for the purpose of receiving a State-
ment of Accounts and the Report of the
General Manager for the year ended
31st December 1922, and electing a
Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
Thursday, the 1st February 1923 until
Saturday, the 10th February, 1923,
both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 26, 1923.

**HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND
FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS IN THIS COMPANY will
be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong-
kong on SATURDAY, the 10th Feb.
1923, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December
1922.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be closed from the 5th
February to the 12th February (both
days inclusive), during which period no
transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 24, 1923.

**THE HONGKONG, CANTON &
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND
THIRD ORDINARY MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company
will be held at the Office of the
Company, 4A, Des Voeux Road, on
TUESDAY, 13th February, 1923, at
12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of
receiving a Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts,
declaring a Dividend and electing
Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
Monday, 29th January, to Tuesday,
13th February, both days inclusive,
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1923.

**THE KOWLOON LAND AND
BUILDING CO., LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-FOURTH OR-
DINARY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be
held at the Company's Offices, Victoria
Buildings, on TUESDAY, 13th
February, 1923, at 11.30 o'clock a.m.
for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Directors together with the State-
ment of Accounts for the year ending
31st December 1922.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from
MONDAY, 5th February to TUES-
DAY, 13th February both days inclu-
sive during which period no transfer
of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
AND AGENCY CO., LTD.**

General Agents for

**THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING
CO., LTD.**

Hongkong, January 29, 1923.

THE KWONG KWUI CO.**PHOTO SUPPLIES.**

60, Queen's Road Central.
Telephone No. 2170.

Photos of H. R. H. Prince of
Wales landing on sale.

Office and Godowns,
60A, Wanchai Road, Hongkong.
Tel. Central No. 220.

Large stock of
BATHS and BATH ROOM
FITTINGS.

LAVATORY BASINS FLUSH
CLOSETS.

COMMODORES, BEDS, &c., &c.

OPEN & CLOSED STOVES, COOKING
RANGES, TILED GRATES.

AMERICAN & ITALIAN MARBLE
MEMORIALS—Also in polished
—Hongkong Granite.

A large selection of Artificial
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Prices on Application.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.**PUBLIC AUCTION.****PARTICULARS AND Conditions of the**

lotting by Public Auction Sale, to be
held on MONDAY, the 5th day
of February, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office
of the Public Works Department, by
Order of His Excellency the Governor
of one lot of CROWN LAND at
Cheung Sha Wan in the Colony of
Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, com-
mencing from 1st July, 1868, with the
option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be
fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the
King, for one further term of 25
years, less 3 days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.
Boundary
Measurements.
Contents in
Square Feet.
Annual Rent.
Upset Price.

1. New Kowloon Island Lot No. 411.
Locality: North-west of New Kowloon Island Lot No. 411, Cheung Sha Wan.

2. New Kowloon Island Lot No. 412.
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3. New Kowloon Island Lot No. 413.
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BIRTHS.

O'HALLORAN.—On January 20,
1923, at Tientsin, to Mr. and Mrs.
M. O'Halloran, Native Customs,
Tientsin, a son.ROGERS.—On January 24, 1923, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Rogers a daughter.EZEKIEL.—On January 25, 1923, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. S.
Ezekiel, of 34 Seward Road, a son.

DEATHS.

SCHWARTZ.—On January 25, 1923,
at Shanghai, August Schwartz, in
his 43rd year.FERRAS.—On January 25, 1923, at
Shanghai, Raul Ferras, the beloved
son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M.
Ferras, aged 15 years.

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"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 1, 1923.

OUR AMERICAN DEBT.

Following the recent Washington conference, which, our Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Stanley Baldwin) himself attended, Britain has decided to accept America's debt funding offer. Roughly our debt amounts to \$4,135,000,000 for principal, plus another \$500,000,000 for accrued interest. Taking current exchange, this makes the total just under \$1,000,000,000. Britain has hitherto been paying 5 per cent, in Mr. Baldwin's words, an intolerable strain because with overdue interest the rate has become 6 per cent. According to the Act passed by Congress, the foreign debt owing to the United States were to be funded at a rate of interest not less than 4 per cent, redeemable in not more than twenty-five years. Even with the minimum interest, our \$1,000,000,000 debt could

not be redeemed within that period under an annual cost (including sinking fund) of \$85,000,000. Fortunately, however, these exacting terms were not final, and the American Debt Funding Commission was given power to offer less onerous conditions. The result was America's suggestion that Britain pay 3 per cent for the first decade, and thereafter 3½ per cent, with ½ per cent, sinking fund. Britain, however, sought 3 per cent over the whole period and urged that longer time than the proposed fifty years should be granted for repayment. America then amended her offer to make the period sixty years. The new terms, Britain has now, according to this afternoon's cables, accepted.

The wisdom of Britain's decision speedily becomes manifest when the history of the debt is recalled. American public opinion, largely ignorant of international trade, stubbornly viewed every suggestion that the debt should be cancelled in the interests of world economic stability as a perfidious attempt by Britain to escape her obligations. With American bankers and economists unable to alter this popular attitude, Britain's only dignified course was to affirm her intention of paying the last cent. This she again did when Mr. Baldwin informed the Washington conference that he had not come to seek favours but a square deal (though, naturally, he could not repress his regret that America should demand rigid payment, yet erect tariff barriers against liquidation through direct delivery of goods and also discourage the sale of her products to the debtor nation). America's funding offer, as Mr. Baldwin has pointed out, represented an immense advance in American public opinion. Any change in that opinion would not be in our favour because the debt has long been regarded by the American people as a

"legacy of trouble" and further delay would only exasperate them still more. Moreover, unless Britain decided quickly the agreement could not be submitted to Congress in time for the March session and would have to wait until the next meeting in December. Now that Britain has accepted the American principle, there is every hope that Congress will ratify the agreement, because the country's leading bankers are convinced that the present terms laid down for Britain must be considerably modified, in the interests of America as much as Britain.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One Chinese case of diphtheria and one British case of enteric fever were reported yesterday.

The Peak School has been closed until further notice owing to an epidemic of mumps and other children's ailments.

Among those who left by the "Katori Maru" were Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Fluke, Mr. A. G. Coppin, Rev. A. G. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. de Rosa, Mr. F. B. Walker and Mr. L. Winkler.

Wor. Bro. Dr. G. D. Black was installed last night as District Grand Master of the Hongkong and South China District of Freemasonry, Scottish Constitution. The ceremony was performed by the District Grand Master of the English Constitution, Rt. Wor. Bro. P. H. Holyoak.

M. Joffe, the Soviet envoy to China, left Shanghai for Japan on Saturday by the "Empress of Russia." Interviewed before his departure, M. Joffe's Secretary declared that the present trip of the Soviet envoy to Shanghai was purely to recuperate and that it was actuated by no political motives.

The Tytan Road near the Tsaiwan Gap was the scene of a highway robbery yesterday afternoon when two Tytan villagers on their way to Shaokwan were held up by three men, (one of whom had a revolver). They were forced down a hill-side where they were bound and robbed of \$25.40.

Yesterday afternoon the Japanese skipper of the motor schooner "Nankō Maru" was brought before Mr. Wood on remand charged with unlawful possession of two pounds of dynamite. Sub Inspector Spar informed his Worship that the C.S.P. had no further evidence to offer. Defendant who pleaded guilty at the first hearing was fined \$50.

Prof. W. Brown, M.A., of the Hongkong University, read an interesting paper on "Helen Keller: the Deaf and Blind Author," to a large gathering of members of the Reading Circle of the Helena May Institute this morning. He spoke with sustained interest for over an hour, and at the close was heartily thanked by the gathering for his very informative discourse on such an interesting personality.

Mr. J. L. McPherson, the General Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., is leaving for a well-earned holiday, briefly. On his way he will attend the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Secretaries' Conference which is to be held at Nanking from February 5 to 11. The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. S. L. Hoh, Secretary of the Junior Division, to act as general secretary during Mr. McPherson's absence. Mr. Hoh was trained in Shanghai and America and has been interested in Association work for ten years.

A lighthouse is now in course of construction at Ki An Island approach to the Wangmoen entrance to the West River. The light will be exhibited at sunset on February 20. The light tower, which is being built of steel, will be round and painted white. It will be situated on the north east extremity of the Island and will be 25 feet high from base to lantern vane. The light will be elevated 85 feet above high water and should be visible in clear weather for a distance of 15 nautical miles.

A charge of obtaining 27 pieces of silk valued at \$351.21 from a dealer by a trick was preferred against two Chinese at the Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon. Mr. McCallum prosecuted and the late Mr. Longinotto was to have appeared for the first defendant. Mr. Leo d'Almeida defended the second man who was charged with aiding and abetting. It appears that the defendants ordered the silk on October 27 last and some days later telephoned for it to be sent to No. 238 Des Vaux Road, Central. After delaying the messenger for a while they induced him to part with the goods without payment, being sent on January 15. The first defendant was remanded, and the second discharged owing to lack of evidence.

ST. PAUL'S INSTITUTION.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION HELD.

The annual prize distribution of the Anglo-French School of St. Paul's Institution, Causeway Bay, was held in the spacious new Lecture Hall of the Institution yesterday afternoon. Accommodation in the large hall was heavily taxed by the large gathering of parents and friends of the pupils who attended the ceremony. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Claud Severn, who distributed the prizes, Mr. E. Ralphs, (the Inspector of English Schools), Mr. Teesdale Mackintosh (Registrar of the University), the Rev. Father Robert, the Rev. Mother Superior of the Institution, and many others.

A delightful entertainment given by the pupils of the school opened the proceedings and a feature of it was the manner in which the younger performers recited. The girls of the higher forms contributed well rendered songs and instrumental pieces. The following young ladies assisted in the programme: S. Gam, L. Silva Netto, Z. Bersey, A. Noel, M. Malin, L. d'Albuquerque, G. and C. Smith, E. Barr, L. Shearer, Rosie Li, and G. Barr.

Mrs. Severn gracefully gave away the prizes, and was presented with a bouquet of roses by little Miss Barr.

HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT.
Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh, read the Headmistress's report as follows: School opened on the 9th January, 1922, when 200 pupils were admitted and since then the number has been steadily increasing. The number on the roll in December was 211 as against 186 in 1921 and 200 were present at the annual inspection as against 1921. With regard to the average attendance I wish to say that in some of the lower classes the children miss school a little too frequently and we hope that in future the parents will kindly co-operate with the teachers and send the children regularly to school.

In accordance with Government requirements two medical inspections of the School and of the pupils, took place during the year, the last one on December 20, by Dr. S. S. Strahan, and the report showed that the sanitary arrangements of the building, and the health of the pupils were excellent.

University Examinations.—Six girls out of eight of the Senior Class passed the local examination, one with honours and one with distinction in needlework. In the Junior Class, 11 obtained certificates with altogether six distinctions. With regard to those who did not manage to get through, we are inclined to agree with the University Authorities that most of them could possibly have waited one year more before entering. I should like to mention, however, that these pupils worked particularly hard and made a very good progress during the year, and I am happy to say that they are quite courageous and like the famous Bruce of Scotland they "Try Again." Several of the senior girls who were successful are now continuing their studies in view of entering for matriculation later on, and we have hopes that in a few years' time the University will be able to count amongst its women students not a few of the pupils from the French Convent. Speaking of this, I am pleased to be able to announce that the Mother Superior is preparing to provide a hostel for the students who graduate at the University.

At the quarterly examination held in December last the Lugard scholar ship was won by Emily Landolt, who obtained the highest marks in English. The evening class for Pitman's shorthand has proved a great success. The teacher in Mr. T. E. O'Sullivan. During the latter half of the year one girl obtained a speed certificate of 80 words a minute while several others obtained theory and elementary certificates.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE.

Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, made his annual inspection in December and his report was very satisfactory. He mentioned that the progress made by the Chinese girls in the Preparatory Class was remarkable, but as the number was increasing a separate teacher would be necessary. I am glad to say, therefore, that a new teacher has been procured to undertake this class. His remark on the Kindergarten class, which he said were carefully and successfully conducted, was particularly satisfactory as we all realize that it is the good foundation and formation given to the little ones in these classes which establish the solid foundation of that thorough good education which we expect to find later on in the children as they grow up. The Inspector terminated his report by saying that the school generally continued to make good progress, and that the excellent tone and general spirit were maintained. He recommended that the highest grant be awarded.

One of the principal features of the year was the inauguration of the new Lecture Hall which many of you will remember took place last March.

This Hall has proved a very valuable addition to the school and the pupils were able to give a charitable entertainment in December in aid of the orphanage. Their efforts and talent were crowned with success and a substantial sum was thus obtained for the poor of the Convent.

Another new feature of the year 1922 was the commencing of a physical culture and dancing class. This class is taught by Miss Violet Capell, a past pupil of the school, who has been trained at the "Floris Lewis" Academy in London, and it is naturally a success. In connection with this class a gentleman of the Colony has kindly presented to the school a very fine Columbia with dance records. The pupils are still very keen on sports and won prizes at the various sporting events which took place in the Colony during the year.

The Rev. Mother Superior and Staff wish to thank Mrs. Severn for so kindly consenting to distribute the prizes and all the friends of the Schools for their presence here to-day. They wish also to thank particularly the following ladies and gentlemen for their kind contributions to the prize fund: The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., Mrs. C. Montague Ede, the Hon. Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Dr. J. W. Noble, Mr. Choa, Mr. H. Dixon, Messrs. Shewan Tomes, Mr. V. Marriot, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, and Mr. Ho Fook.

PRIZE LIST.

Junior Division: English, biblical knowledge and needlework, Kathleen Simmons; General progress and geography, Vera Stanley; General application, drawing and needlework, Helen To; Biblical knowledge, drawing and needlework, Lucy Tee; General application and progress and English History, Ina Morrison; General application and general progress, Betty Laing; General progress, Biblical knowledge; English History and French, Honora Burden; General progress arithmetic and needlework, Doris Perkins; Good Conduct General application and general progress, Mamie Wallace; Good Conduct, General application, general progress and special test prize, Jenny Whyte; General application and progress and the Hongkong University Junior Certificate, Leonor O'Brien; Beatrix Hardwick, Hilda Booth, Jean Foulds; Good Conduct; General progress and the Hongkong University Junior Certificate, Jean O'Hoy, Frances Heysham; General application, progress and French, and the Hongkong University Junior Certificate, Parris Rantonjee; General application and the Hongkong University Junior Certificate with distinction in needlework, Leonor Colloco; General progress and the Hongkong University Junior Certificate with distinction in French, drawing and needlework, Helen Dagbert; General progress and the Hongkong University Junior Certificate with distinction in French and special prize for music and English offered by the Rev. Father Robert, Simone Gain; Good Conduct and progress, French, and the Hongkong University Junior Certificate with distinction in English, Betty Steel.

Senior Division: General progress, biblical knowledge and drawing, Rosie Xavier; Good conduct and general application, Edith Anderson; General application and progress and the Hongkong University senior certificate, Isabel Bell, Geraldine Smith, Constance Smith, Enid Lo, Mary Fan (distinction in needlework); general proficiency and the Hongkong University, senior certificate with honour, Queenie Ng.

Like a long needle driven down his leg. Solicitor's Sufferer's Vivid Description of a Malady from Which, Fortunately, He Has Been Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

A graphic description of the cause, progress and cure of sciatica is supplied by Mr. A. E. Fowler, Fordyce street, Queenstown, South Africa, who states:—

"Some years ago I was afflicted with sciatica, a developed sciatica. Those who have never had it can little understand what it means, but to a sciatica sufferer it means horrible agonizing torture. I had a sharp cutting pain from my back to my leg; it was most painful for me to get up after I had been lying for a while; the odds in my leg seemed to be aching together, and the pain felt as if someone was driving a long needle down my leg. I had medicine prescribed for me, which did no good, and I was beginning to lose general tone for want of sleep and loss of appetite. One day I was told to take the Williams' Pink Pills. After taking the pills for a time the twinges of sciatica ceased, and gradually all pain disappeared. I continued taking the pills, and got quite toned up and myself again."

A remedy for sufferers of the blood and general weakness, indigestion, sciatica, lumbago, neuritis, indigestion, and the special benefits of women. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have enjoyed a world-wide reputation for over thirty years. Dealers everywhere. Price, 25c. per bottle. \$1.00 per box. Sent by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., of Orange, N.J., U.S.A.

OBITUARY.

MR. LEO LONGINOTTO.

SOLICITOR'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The legal profession of Hongkong has lost another of its members by the sudden death yesterday afternoon of Mr. Leo Longinotto, who passed away at his residence in Kowloon at 3.30 p.m.

The deceased had been ailing for some time, suffering from haemorrhage but was not confined to his bed, and even as recently as Tuesday he was able to attend his office as usual. Yesterday morning he did not feel well enough to attend at his office, and decided to remain at home. Even then he did not take to his bed, and his condition, as far as outward appearance were concerned, did not warrant the summoning of a doctor. At tiffin time he was feeling so much better that he made preparations to come over to Hongkong to attend a case at the Magistracy in the afternoon. Whilst in the bathroom, however, he collapsed, but quickly recovered, and announced that he was quite alright and that there was no need to send for a doctor. He changed his mind about coming to Hongkong, however, and went to bed. He had another seizure shortly after 3 p.m., and this time he collapsed completely. His condition was now clearly serious, but some delay was experienced in getting into touch with his doctor, so a Chinese medical practitioner in the district was summoned. By the time medical aid arrived, Mr. Longinotto was beyond recovery and had lost consciousness.

The late Mr. Longinotto was about 45 years of age. He first came to the Colony, on a three years' contract as Assistant Crown Solicitor, in August 1917. He severed his connection with the Government on the termination of his contract and joined the late Mr. J. H. Gardiner at the end of 1920. Soon afterwards Mr. Longinotto left the Colony on furlough. His holiday was cut short by the sudden death of Mr. Gardiner, and Mr. Longinotto returned and took charge of the business, being joined by Messrs. A. el Arculli and T. Rowan.

Mr. Longinotto made a special study of poultry farming in private life, and was considered an expert. He was very successful with his experiments here and won many prizes with his fowls at the annual shows.

Of a genial disposition, deceased was popular with his colleagues, and also counted many friends in other walks of life.

The funeral takes place at the Roman Catholic cemetery this afternoon.

SUDDEN DEATH OF CAPT. G. E. M. BLACKMORE.

While reading in bed on January 24, Captain G. E. M. Blackmore, master of the A. P. C. str. "Asia," died suddenly in his room at the Mercantile Service Club in Shanghai, presumably from heart failure.

Deceased was a master mariner holding a first class certificate, and an ex-naval officer, having joined the Royal Navy as a cadet and passed out as a midshipman in 1900. He became a sub lieutenant in 1904, but left the Navy three years later to serve in the Mercantile Marine. As an officer in this service he held many responsible posts abroad. Prior to the war he was employed in a master's capacity in one of the Eagle Oil Co.'s vessels. Almost immediately after hostilities commenced his services were called upon by the Admiralty, by whom he was appointed to various commands in the Naval Transport Service, in which he earned frequent official commendation for good work with the convoys. With the end of the war he was again in the merchant service, serving with the Anglo-Axon Oil Co. He transferred from the command of one of their vessels, the "Tarpo," to join the marine staff of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., with whom he had remained from March 1922 until his sudden death at the age of 39.

He was a most lovable character with a large circle of intimate friends who will mourn his death. His home is in London, where his wife and two children reside.

CAPT. A. SUMMERVILLE.

The death of Captain Alexander Summerville, O.N.S. Co. Marine Superintendent at Hankow, was announced in a telegram received in Shanghai on January 24 by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire. It is an announcement which will be received with regret by shipping men on the river and coast. Captain Summerville being very well known amongst them by reason of his long service with the company.

He entered its service in 1882 and was engaged as second officer with

JUNK ARRESTS.

ARMS AND OPIUM.

As the result of an arrest by Sergeant Cary of two Chinese aboard a junk at 10 o'clock last night, three charges were preferred against them in Mr. J. R. Wood's Court this morning. They were charged with possession of 29 Mausers and 1,900 rounds of ammunition, 519 tins of prepared opium and throwing things overboard to prevent seizure.

Mr. McCallum for the defence told his Worship that he had recommended the first defendant who was the master of the junk to plead guilty. Second defendant was only a faki.

The third charge of throwing things overboard was not proceeded with, no evidence being offered. For possession of the opium, the defendant were sentenced to twelve and nine months' hard labour respectively.

On the first charge, Sub-Inspector Spear handed in a request from the D. S. P. for committal. Inspector Spear also asked for the forfeiture of the junk which was stated to be of less than fifteen tons. His Worship adjourned the case till Monday when the request for forfeiture and the evidence on the arms charge will be heard.

HEAVY WEATHER OUTSIDE.

STRONG N.E. MONSOON.

Capt. D. B. Davies, of the s.s. "Kalgan," which arrived in port at 7.30 this morning from Bangkok and Swatow with 1,320 tons of rice and timber, reported meeting with a very strong N.E. monsoon and rough sea.

Many other vessels also reported meeting bad weather on the voyage, but none suffered any damage.

NEW FOG SIGNAL.

DIAPHONE BEGINS TO-DAY.

Beginning to-day, until further notice, the diaphone fog signal at Waglan lighthouse will be used experimentally in conjunction with the explosive fog signal, which will make a blast of four seconds' duration every minute.

The masters of ships are being requested to report to the Harbour Master how far seaward they can distinguish the signal.

YANGTZE LIGHT BUOY.

On or about February 10, the S. E. Spit Light-buoy marking the Eastern entrance to Confucius Channel, Yangtze River, will be removed about 1.81 miles South 43½ degrees East magnetic from its present position. Its characteristics will remain unchanged.

About the same time, the Sheal Light buoy marking the Tseinging Crossing, Northern Channel entrance to Yangtze River, will be removed about 4.1 cables South 53½ degrees East magnetic from its present position. The light will be changed from a flashing white light, to a white light occulting every 8 seconds.

Commenting on the Hongkong Chinese Chamber of Commerce protest against the Bill to abolish the muti-let system, the Japan Chronicle notes that the chairman spoke feelingly of the danger of giving freedom to the muti-let when they reach the age of eighteen. It would drive the girls to ruin, he declared. Doubtless he was quite sincere and looked upon the system simply as a blot on the paternal relationship between employers and female domestics, however suitable it may have been in the simple old village life of China, will hardly do in a busy, modern port, where there is such a large temptation to the owners of muti-lets to put girls to more lucrative and less homely service than the arranging of their mistresses' hair.

1895, in which year he obtained his first command, bringing the new steamer "Kansen" out from Hime. He continued on the coast, in command of various steamers until 1911, in which year he was transferred to the River service, and took over command of the "Tatung." In 1916 Captain Summerville was appointed acting Marine Superintendent at Shanghai and later went to Hongkong to take up a similar position. Two years ago he was transferred to Hankow as Superintendent, and continued in that position until very shortly before his death, which occurred in the French Hospital, after a very brief illness.

Captain Summerville, who was 54 years of age, has no family, but leaves a widow, who is at present at home.

"SKY" KERRISON'S CAPTURE

RUNNING REVOLVER FIGHT AT WANCHAI.

A "QUICK CHANGE" EXPERT.

Congratulations are due to Mr. W. R. Andrews of the P.W.D. and Mr. E. C. Kerrison of the Naval Yard Police, popularly known as "Sky" Kerrison, for their courageous conduct in chasing and arresting a desperate armed robber at great personal risk in Wanchai yesterday afternoon. After a long running revolver fight, the man was arrested by Mr. Kerrison who administered the coup de grace with the butt end of his revolver.

At about 2 p.m. an armed robbery was committed at No. 25, Yee Wo Street by five men, four of whom had revolvers. Money, jewellery and property to the total value of \$1,400.00 was taken. After their departure an alarm was raised. Three ran off in the direction of Causeway Bay and escaped. The other two ran towards Bowrington Canal followed at a safe distance by a crowd of Chinese.

Going through Percival Street, the men entered Matheson Street where they met Mr. Andrews who tried to hold one. Threatening Mr. Andrews with his revolver, the robber passed along to Sharp Street just when he turned round and fired several shots at his pursuer. Taking advantage of doorways and other shelter, Mr. Andrews followed the man into Bowrington Canal Road. The other robber went over the bridge of the canal, entered the Police Recreation Club and jumped into the mill where he changed into his own suit with one from the boot he was carrying. Here he escaped, leaving behind some stolen money and property.

In Leighton Hill Road, "Sky" Kerrison joined in the chase, taking a revolver from a Chinese constable. Intermittently turning round to fire at his pursuers, the robber ran into Wanchai Road. On passing the Revenue Officers' quarters near "Homeville," he was fired at by a number of Revenue Officers on the veranda. At this stage, the desperado turned round and exchanged several shots with Mr. Kerrison. He was seen to have expended the rounds in his revolver and in trying to reload dropped his cylinder. Immediately making off into Wood Road, he was confronted with a *cul-de-sac*, a gate having been erected across the road in connection with the reclamation works. Here he was overcome by Mr. Kerrison, handcuffed and taken to No. 2 Station.

When searched, he had about \$80 in cash and several articles of jewellery which were subsequently identified. The robber had a marvellous escape as a bullet penetrated the back of his chest and made a deep impression on a black canvas belt he was wearing. He also has a nasty bruise in the lower region of the spine.

PHILIPPINES BANK FRAUD.

OFFICIAL SENT TO JAIL.

(By courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

Manila, Jan. 31.
Isidoro Lerma, former chief of the foreign department of the Philippines National Bank, was sentenced to 14 years and 4 months' imprisonment and to indemnify the Bank in the sum of Pesos 79,098.

The Supreme Court decided on the three cases appealed to from the lower tribunal.

Lerma, in the first case, was accused of defrauding the Bank of Pesos 37,573, through a manipulation of German Marks; in the second case with having defrauded the Bank through a falsification of documents of Pesos 38,389; and in the third case the complaint charged him with embezzlement of Pesos 14,337.

RUSSIAN REFUGEE FLEET

LAST THREE SHIPS ARRIVE.

(By courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

MANILA, January 31.
The last three ships of Admiral Stark's fleet arrived at Bolinao Cove yesterday, and they are expected to reach Mariveles to-morrow.

POKFULUM BLAZE.

MANY MATSHEDS DESTROYED.

A fire involving twenty-six matsheds provided plenty of excitement in Pokfulum yesterday afternoon. Ashes, only one matshed was ablaze, but owing to the dry nature of the materials and the strong wind twenty-five neighbouring sheds were also destroyed, the total damage being \$3,740. Fortunately nobody was injured.

SUN'S PROJECTED VISIT.

CANCELLED AT LAST MOMENT.

NGAI STILL PRISONER.

Regarding Dr. Sun's projected trip to Canton, the Shanghai Evening News of Saturday has the following: "Within an hour and a half of the time of the departure of the tender on which Dr. Sun Yat-sen was to embark for the 'Taiyo Maru' with the purpose of proceeding to Canton the Southern leader cancelled his sailing reservation at noon to day after receiving dispatches telling of the outbreak of new disorders at Canton and the assassination there of a high Canton official."

Doctor Sun and a party of Kuomintang leaders accompanying him had made all preparations for their departure, but messages from Hu Han-min, newly appointed Civil Governor of Canton strongly advised Doctor Sun to postpone his departure from Shanghai.

No fresh developments have taken place in Canton and General Ngai is still a prisoner. Yesterday's day and night boats only had their ordinary complement of passengers, but trade is still held up. Beyond the fact that there is a slight possibility of the Kwangsi and Yunnan factions falling out over the scramble for the fruits of victory, Canton is not threatened by any immediate danger.

CANTON QUIETER.

WHAT CURRENCY CHANGES SHOW.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 31.
General Ngai Bong-ping is still a prisoner, his efforts advancing several reasons to foreign inquirers for his detention. Immediate danger seems to have blown over as quite a number of shops have re-opened their doors and some of the junk-ferries plying between Canton and the interior have been put on again.

One feature of special interest to the mercantile community is the collapse in the value of the Provincial banknotes. When Chen fled the notes jumped from about 15 per cent (in ratio to silver coins) to about 38 per cent. Since the Kwangsi-Yunnan showed their hand by acting against Sun's supporters the \$1 denomination has receded to 10 per cent, the deduction from this being that the people believe the victors will renounce loyalty to Sun.

With the removal of the Cantonese officials, a return to conditions prevailing under the Kwangsi militarist regime is expected. Although gambling is being conducted openly it has not as yet been officially sanctioned, but the operation of a monopoly has already been discussed.

Advice from Peking has been received to the effect that the proposed appointments have been favourably received in the North. The return of Tsen Chen-huan will be the first step towards re-unification. This does not mean that peace in the province is assured. There are still several factions not knocked out that may bring a change in the situation, especially as the victors have further antagonized the people by commandeering business premises for conversion to instant saloons. Above all suspicions have not been removed that either the Kwangsi-ites or Yunnanese will not attempt to subdue the other in their policies of aggrandisement. As both sections are about equally strong, any struggle would be calamitous for Canton.

ARMIES ADVANCING FROM FOCHOW.

(By courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.)

PEKING, January 31.
It is reported that Sun Yat-sen has sent a representative to Tsen Chun-chuan to request the release of Ngai Bong-ping.

Li Lieh-chun arrived at Swatow on the 29th inst., when he received a very enthusiastic welcome.

Hsu Chung-chih's troops are leaving Fochow.

Hsu Chung-chih is leaving in two or three days' time, and his forces are advancing towards Kwangtung, the three armies taking different routes.

NOT LIKELY.

A Chinese recently returned from America was a passenger to Hongkong by the Shikiki junk-ferry which arrived yesterday afternoon. He had verily left \$1,300 under the mast of his junk on going ashore and could not find it when he returned for it.

There will be dancing at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, on Saturday night when the "Titanic" jazz quartet will play.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.**ARRIVALS.**

Ming Sang, (J.M. & Co.) from Haiphong, Hoibow.—C36.

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Ying Chow, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Amoy.—B12.

Shantung, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Swatow.—C18.

Chennan, (B. & S.) from Bangkok, Swatow.—C45.

Kalgan, (B. & S.) from Bangkok, Swatow.—B11.

President McKinley, (Ad Line) from Seattle, Shanghai.

Hannawa, (Arnhold Bros.) from Portland, Shanghai.

Roepat, (J.C.J.L.) from Yokohama, Swatow.—C13.

Taio Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Shanghai, Swatow.—C16.

Kwangshai, (G.M.S.N.) from Shanghai.—Co's Wharf.

DEPARTURES.

Ahmedi, (Nemazee) for Bombay, Singapore.—January 31.

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Haihong, (Douglas & Co.) for Fochow, Swatow.—February 2.

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At Liverpool lecturing to the Institute of Transport, Mr. A. D. Mearns, director and general manager of the Cunard Steamship Company, gave a popular account of the organisation of large passenger ships. He avoided all technicalities, but supplied at first hand many interesting facts and figures. Taking as his model the "Aquitania," not the largest or the swiftest vessel of the Cunard fleet, Mr. Mearns stated that the machinery of a modern Cunard liner runs into matter of 60,000 to 70,000 horse power. The turbines of a ship must carry on for 3,000 miles or it might be sometimes for 6,000 miles, without a stop and with hardly a change of pace. It would give some idea of the immense size and massive construction of the turbine when he said that a low pressure steam and steam turbine weighs 445 tons, the weight of a motor car alone being 140 tons. Only the most meticulous care will enable such machinery to run with very short intervals of rest for, perhaps, twenty years. The engine department on the "Aquitania" consists of thirty-three engineer officers, over whom presides the chief engineer, assisted by the staff chief engineer. There are, in addition, two boiler makers, two plumbers, six electricians, thirty-three greasers, or men attending to the lubrication of the machinery, and, finally, eighty-seven men looking after the oil fuel burners in the boiler furnaces.

The "Aquitania" has altogether four boiler rooms, three of which contain six boilers each and a fourth which contains three boilers. The boiler installation consists of twenty-one double-ended cylindrical boilers, and as each has eight furnaces this makes 168 fires to be attended to. One engineer must always be on duty in each boiler room supervising the men working there. Two or three engineers are in continuous attendance in the engine-room at the starting platform ready to carry out instantaneously any orders which come from the bridge in connection with the manoeuvring of the vessel. These ship's engines do not run automatically—that is to say, if left to themselves they would very quickly tear the inside out of the ship. In the event of heavy weather great care is necessary to see that the propellers are kept throated off in case of non-immersion. The engineer in addition to studying his machinery, has to watch very carefully miles of piping, otherwise at any moment 60,000 or 70,000 horse power of steam may escape, which might easily lead to serious disaster.

Each ship carries special engineers whose duty it is to attend to the auxiliary machinery. These auxiliary engines work cargo derrick, a anchor windlass, warlike winches, a hoisting gear, electrical dynamos, a cooking machinery, fire system in the hydraulic system for bulkhead doors, the refrigerating plant, heat and ventilation system, and a sanitary and domestic water supply. The salt water supply in the ship is replenished as often as necessary. In the case of drinking water and water for cooking, as well as the water supplied to the various cabins and lavatories for washing purposes, and of fresh water for the boilers, this is taken into the ship at Southampton and New York and stored in special fitted tanks. This supply is carefully supervised. In the event, therefore, of unforeseen circumstances of the supply being inadequate, evaporators and distillers for converting sea water into fresh water are fitted up in the engine room, and thus is ensured sufficient supply for domestic purposes. This water is quite pure and of those who have tasted it, "say," Mr. Mearns, "know that it is quite palatable. I may say that it is of primary importance for the "Aquitania" to carry as much as 3,000 tons of fresh water, or over 670,000 gallons, for the voyage across the Atlantic.

A modern ship, such as the "Aquitania," contains an electrical supply plant for lighting, heating, and other power sufficient for a town of 700,000 inhabitants. Nowadays the modern steamship has a swing of

SHOOTING.

A TRIANGULAR CONTEST.

WIN FOR TAIKOO.

This interesting contest was fired off on Sunday in connection with the Bellini Shield competition held under the auspices of the Hongkong Rifle League. The competing teams were Taikoo, R.G.A., and R.E. A close shoot resulted in a hard won victory for Taikoo.

	TAIKOO.	R.G.A.	R.E.
Mr. T. Swan	34	34	29
Mr. R. Wallace	30	31	34
Mr. C. H. Summers	33	30	27
Mr. D. B. Bone	29	34	25
Mr. J. Simpson	28	31	26
Mr. N. Brodie	29	32	22
Mr. T. Grimshaw	28	30	20
Mr. W. J. Eldridge	27	29	21
	693		

	TAIKOO.	R.G.A.	R.E.
Lieut. Hodgson	34	26	27
Gnr. Moore	28	31	24
G. Q. M. S. Clarke	20	26	25
Lieut. Lovegrove	28	25	17
Gnr. Harvey	26	20	22
Bdr. Dogrell	21	19	24
G. Q. M. S. Longridge	29	10	16
Gnr. Mason	20	17	16
	552		

	TAIKOO.	R.G.A.	R.E.
Serjt. Townsend	23	27	27
S. S. Redpath	29	21	26
Ser. Newing	20	31	20
G. M. S. Longbottom	31	20	17
Spr. Cozzell	24	19	24
Spr. Cockell	23	19	19
Serjt. Stephens	19	27	17
Spr. Claver	20	11	15
	528		

Taikoo beat R.G.A. by 141
Taikoo " R.E. " 165
R.G.A. " R.E. " 24

Flint spearheads, old pottery, a six-foot ivory tusk, and a number of teeth and bones of a mammoth animal have been found in a gravel pit near Sevenoaks, Kent.

Flanking fitted through the various passenger decks, pierced with louvers or small openings at various points where the trunking passes through the state rooms and passenger sections. The trunking is connected with the outside atmosphere generally on the boat deck, and by means of electrically-driven fans the air can either be driven into the passenger accommodation through the trunking or exhausted from the rooms. This ensures that the air in the state rooms is changed regularly. If the passenger thinks he is getting too much or too little fresh air he can regulate the movement at will. These fans in cold weather can be used to supply air at any temperature required.

The ship having put to sea, the captain is in supreme command. On a steamer such as the "Aquitania" no definite scheme of duty in the shape of watches falls to his lot. When approaching the land and making or leaving a port, however, he is always on hand either on or about the bridge, supervising and controlling the ship's course. In thick or heavy weather the captain has a very strenuous time. Frequently for as many as forty-eight hours on end he may find it impossible to leave the bridge or turn in. To carry out the routine of watch-keeping at sea the officers—one senior and one junior—are continually on the bridge, being relieved every four hours. They have eight hours of duty. This means that out of every twenty-four hours they have not more than eight hours bridge duty. It might be said that without interest to remark that during recent years the big liners have carried, in addition to the captain, a staff captain, whose duties are similar to those of a commander in the Royal Navy.

FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE TABLES.

UP TO SATURDAY JANUARY 27.

DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
King's	13	9	2	2	20
Ambrose	14	9	5	0	19
H.K. Club	14	7	5	2	16
Titania	13	6	4	3	15
Hawkins	11	5	2	4	14
South China	13	5	3	3	13
Tamar	13	4	5	4	12
Kowloon	12	4	5	3	11
R.G.A.	14	2	8	4	8
Durban	11	3	7	1	7
Police	12	0	6	6	6

DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Hawkins	12	11	1	0	22
King's	11	10	1	0	20
South C. "B"	11	9	1	1	19
United	12	6	3	3	15
St. Joseph's	8	7	1	0	14
Titania	11	5	3	3	13
R.G.A.	13	5	6	2	12
Marazion	10	5	4	1	11
South C. "A"	11	4	4	3	11
Kowloon	12	4	6	2	10
Ambrose	10	4	6	0	8
University	8	2	4	2	6
Durban	9	2	6	1	5
Warders	12	2	10	0	4
Police	12	1	11	0	2
Auxiliaries	10	0	10	0	0

All matches played by Despatch and Carlisle have been erased from the table. The match between King's and Warders will be replayed. The game is omitted from the table. To-day at 4.15 p.m. on the Navy "A" ground the Hawkins and King's play their return match in Hongkong League, Division I.

YACHTING.

"ROYALS" CHAMPIONSHIP.

FOURTH CRUISER RACE.

The fourth cruiser race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was sailed at the weekend over a course from Murray Pier to a beacon off North Little Green Island, thence to mark boat off Lamna, to Datum Rock and back to the pier, a total distance of 14 miles. The breeze was light and variable, ranging from east to south-south east. Times were slow. The results follow:

ENGLISH RIG.

	Yacht.	H'cap.	Cor.	Time.	Pts.
Azuma	11	4	18	08	16
La Cigale	11	4	38	12	14
Irene	11	4	50	12	13
Norseman	11	4	59	12	12
Feathers	11	4	59	12	12
Aileen	11	4	59	12	12
Points scored to date—La Cigale 60, Azuma 59, Irene 40, Norseman 36, Aileen 22, Feathers 13.					

CHINESE RIG.

	Yacht.	H'cap.	Cor.	Time.	Pts.
Helen	11	4	51	17	6
Niobe	11	4	52	31	4
Ladye Jean	11	4	54	57	3
Oenone	11	4	54	57	3
Points scored to date—Helen 12, Ladye Jean 9, Niobe & Oenone 0.					

A HONOLULU NIGHT.

KAAI'S HAWAIIAN TROUBADOURS.

The original Troubadour history tells us, first appeared in Provence and flourished from the 11th to the 13th century. He and his kind were doubtless entertaining. That can be said of Kaa's Troubadours who opened a short season at the Theatre Royal last night, before a good house, and provided, in the words of the programme, music and melody, song and laughter.

Each Troubadour is an expert on his or her particular instrument and either a singer or dancer of no mean merit. The party also possesses a lady member who, as a mimic, is well worth listening to. Her imitation of a saxophone was true to that instrument of Jazz and earned for her a decided encore. The programme was described as "A Night in Honolulu" and included solo singing, concerted vocal items, instrumental offerings and a supply of jazz, all of which was to the liking of the audience.

There were several native dances which also had their own appeal and confirmed the long-held desire to visit that Paradise of the Pacific. Meanwhile we contented ourselves with Kaa's Troubadours and their enchanting and harmonious melodies, their playing of wind-look-ing instruments of varying sizes, their folk-lore songs and dances and their ability to "bring before" the sun and sand of another place. There is a change of programme nightly, the night being "Hawaiian Smiles."

GREENFIELD'S FINANCES.

"URGED TO GAMBLE."

PUBLIC EXAMINATION ADJOURNED.

Replying to further questions put to him during his public examination in bankruptcy yesterday, after our report had closed, by Mr. O. G. Alabaster K.C., who appeared for a number of proving creditors, Samuel Greenfield said that the reason he had gone bankrupt was because of this forward rate, and his suggestion to the Court was that he was misled from the beginning. He had sold his shares at the suggestion of his brokers; the brokers had run after him to buy them.

Debtor was then cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster. In the course of the cross-examination Debtor said he had never kept any books or accounts since 1914, and even then only a rough cash book. The reason was that he had intended giving up the business. Also he was incapable of keeping any accounts, as he knew nothing about that sort of thing. When his business was normal he considered it to be worth between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per year. Mr. Alabaster: Did you instruct your solicitor, a day or so ago, to attend a meeting of creditors and make an offer on your behalf?

Debtor: I did, sir.
Mr. Alabaster: Was part of that offer that you should continue to run the business for a few years at \$400 a month, and that the profits over and above that sum should go to the creditors?

Debtor: It was.
Mr. Alabaster: Were you informed afterwards that at that meeting one of your creditors, Mr. Lammer, asked what these profits were estimated to be, and your solicitor replied that he was authorised to say between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year?

Debtor: Yes, sir.
Mr. Alabaster: So that your business is now valued at between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year? Debtor said he considered this to be the case in normal times, but these were not normal times.
Counsel cross-examined the witness at great length on the subject of his passbooks and cheque counterfoils. Mr. Greenfield stated that he had had accounts with three banks, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the Bank of Asia, and the Banque Industrielle de Chine. He checked up the monthly statements issued by the banks and returned them. When his cheque books were used up he destroyed them as he could see no reason to keep them. At that time he was not in debt at all.

He further stated that his wife owned 400 Dock shares. He had bought them for her, but with her money. They were not his now, and never had been his. He had never told his broker, Mr. Razack, that they were the property of his wife, for he had never seen any reason for so doing. Neither had Mr. Razack told him that he had better get them back. He denied, also, that he had ever told Mr. Razack he "wasn't going to ruin his wife."

Mr. Alabaster: What about the China Providents?

Debtor: That was pure gambling on my own account.

Mr. Alabaster: It seems that when things went all right they were investments for your wife, and when things went against you, that was gambling on your own account?

Debtor: There was no need. They all urged me to gamble. All the brokers knew I had no Providence when I was selling.

Debtor further added that he had gambled in cement shares. None of his shares were bought in his wife's name. He bought and sold about 5,000 in 1921.

Mr. Alabaster: Then you started reckless gambling in 1921?

Debtor: Not reckless gambling; I was led into it.

Mr. Alabaster: Did you receive a typewritten statement from Mr. Taylor advising you to be careful about buying Providents?

Debtor: Yes, after he had led me into it. I sold 17,000 Providents in September on the advice of the broker. They said I had better try to break the price of the market, but Mr. Taylor was working with them. He ordered his broker out of the Comptroller's office of Shawan, Tomes & Co. because he would not sell him some shares I had sold to him (the broker). It was a put up job all the way through.

Mr. Alabaster: Did not the brokers advise you to cut your losses?

Debtor: No, all the brokers could have covered themselves to within \$2,000 of \$3,000.

Mr. Alabaster: Did not the brokers offer to buy for you to cover, but you preferred to go on, hoping against hope that the market would finally crash, and you would get out with a profit?

Debtor: I should have been glad to get out on even terms. I was offered shares at a higher price than they stood at, but I refused, and then the market jumped up.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

MOTOR DRIVER ACCUSED.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, a manslaughter case, the last on the January calendar, was opened before the Pui-sie Judge (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) and a Jury composed of Messrs. B. W. Bradbury (foreman), V. Benjamin, F. A. Chopard, A. P. Castro, C. Kow, B. Monteith Webb and W. A. Eastaer.

The accused was Li Sing, the chauffeur of motor car No. 76, and he was charged with the manslaughter of a man named Li San, by running his car over the deceased on the Castle Peak Road, a little distance beyond Chiwan, on October 27 last year.

Mr. F. O. Jenkin appeared for the accused and Mr. A. Dyer Ball (Assistant Crown Solicitor) conducted the prosecution.

Deceased was a Government foreman, and was in charge of a gang of road repairers when the accident occurred. They were engaged in tarring and sanding the surface of the road. According to two of the workmen who were near the deceased, they received no warning of the car's approach. Deceased was knocked down as he was standing in the middle of the road. A bucket of tar standing near by was upset, and its contents were spilled over the deceased, contributing to his injuries.

The tar was extremely hot, probably almost boiling. Deceased was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital in the car and he died within four hours. His folks alleged that the car was "running quick" when the accident occurred. The jury were then taken to see the car, which was standing outside the Court, and examined it for themselves. After this, evidence was called.

The case was adjourned till tomorrow (Friday).

DO IT NOW.

RUSH TO GET MARRIED.

The Chinese year is denominated by two names one according to the year of the reign—this being the Twelfth Year of the Republic, since the Gregorian calendar has been adopted—and the other by a name made up from a combination of two characters from a standard sequence. These names make cycles, one cycle covering sixty years. Next (Chinese) Year is the end of a cycle and a certain amount of superstition is attached to it. Above all things, one should not start a venture, the most hazardous being a marriage, which, it is believed, will be attended with dire calamities.

Accordingly, many young people who will attain suitable age next year are being married now. This accounts for the unusual number of wedding processions to be seen on the streets. A few years ago, the *chiao* considered the fashion to be married in semi-foreign style, but this year a return seems to have been made to the old procession with the decorated and illuminated bridal chair. One feature of the procession is the staging of tableaux from Chinese history and myth, little girls being dressed up to fill the parts of both heroes and heroines.

One word of advice to the new-comer. Do not think that a procession comprising beautiful teak and blackwood furniture, silk tapestries and etc. is a job offering and that everything is going to be burnt as a thank-offering. It is part of the dowry from the bride's family being removed to the bridegroom's house a few days before the actual wedding takes place. The magnitude and splendour of the articles are an index to the wealth of the contracting parties.—W.P.O.

Questioned about the sale of his property at Hungtom for \$20,000, Debtor said he had used the money to pay off personal obligations and debts. He had never kept any record of the way in which it was spent.

Replying to further questions, Debtor said he had a ring which had been represented to him as being worth \$5,000, but it was actually worth only about \$20. He was willing to surrender it to the Official Receiver. He had also once possessed a diamond ring, but it was only worth about \$200, and he had sold it at Macao for \$150.

Mrs. Greenfield afterwards went into the box, and stated that the 400 Dock shares were her property, and she had bought them out of the proceeds of the sale of 8,000 Provident shares, and some private money of her own.

The Chief Justice then adjourned the examination till 4 p.m.

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PROGRAMME FEATURES.

TO-NIGHT:

Coronet Theatre.—D. W. Griffith's "Dream Street."
 Rowdon Theatre.—"The Heart of Maryland."
 World Theatre.—Wanda Hawley in "The House That Jazz Built."

PSYCHOLOGY AND THE FILMS

HOW MUCH OF A PICTURE DO YOU SEE?

How much of a motion picture the audience really sees is estimated by producers at from forty to seventy per cent. The most liberal estimate that has been made is eighty per cent.

This condition is most commonly expressed by the number of bolts that are settled in the lobby after a motion picture showing. Disputes have occurred, bets have been made, and the challengers come to the theatre to test their arguments. For instance, a fifty dollar bet was paid in the lobby of the Central Theatre recently by a well-known dramatist who had failed to see something in "Dream Street" that the eyes of his friend had grasped.

Every person, of course, contents himself that he sees "all" of a picture. The Department of Psychology in John Hopkins University knows differently, however, and recently wrote to Mr. Griffith asking if "Dream Street" might be used as the subject of a national experiment in psychology.

The purpose of the investigation is to determine:

What percentage of a picture is seen on the average?

What part of the audience is affected by the comedy and to what degree?

What part of the audience "gets" the emotion scenes and what is the reaction?

How much of the action is remembered at the end of a week, two weeks, a month, and six months?

How much of the detail of an intense scene is grasped compared to those in a slower building scene?

Mr. Griffith has agreed to cooperate with John Hopkins University in this investigation to the extent of arranging for the experimenters to attend showings of "Dream Street" in all parts of the country. The departments of psychology in other universities are to be enlisted in this experiment. It will be the first scientific investigation of the group effect of a picture.

The findings will be used as material by both the public and the producers in arriving at a conclusion regarding censorship.

"Trained observers of pictures," said Mr. Griffith, "have no conception of how little of a picture is really seen by the average spectator. And the better the picture, the less is seen, for where intense interest is won for the principal characters, the eyes follow these characters alone, and much of the action and settings presented in supplement to the action of the main characters is unnoticed."

"As an experiment, I once allowed, in a situation of some suspense, a figure to remain in the center of the scene, dressed in highly contrasting clothes, foreign to the integrity of the picture, and so far as I could learn, not a person ever saw him. I feel that the public did not see him because the 'fun' is very quick to write letters pointing out such 'flaws,' and never was one received regarding this."

"I am not at all certain that audiences improve in their comprehension of pictures by lone patronage. When what slight investigating I do, I feel that the person seeing his fourth picture, sees about as much as the person seeing his thousandth."

BEN HUR

PUBLIC OPINION CONSULTED.

Goldwyn Pictures Corporation is perhaps one of the first producing companies to ask the opinion of the picture goers in the casting of a motion picture. "Ben Hur," the spectacular story which has been translated in almost every language of the globe is to be produced by Goldwyn and they are prepared to spend three million dollars in it. They have invited the public to send in to the Casting Director of the Goldwyn Studios at Culver City, California, the names of the actors whom they would like to see portray "Ben Hur."

DORIS KEANE IN "ROMANCE."

CORONET'S NEXT ATTRACTION.

NOTABLE EVENT IN FILMDOM.

(By Maryn Elliott.)

To-day I walked and talked with Cavallini Cavallini, the great singer! Rita Cavallini, the celebrated Italian diva—the great woman, the soul of "Romance" and the spirit of self-sacrifice; the sweetheart of the young minister, and she lived—let me see! My programme of Edward Sheldon's play seems to indicate a period in the Greenwich Village section of New York in the '60s. Anyway, Cavallini's hoop-skirts (which seemed to keep her always at a distance, when we were chatting) made me think that she really must have been singing and playing for ages and ages.



DORIS KEANE
 IN
 "ROMANCE"

Mme. Cavallini was sitting in her little carvas dressing room on the great floor of the big studio in Manhattan, when we were introduced. "How very interesting—" And Cavallini's words seemed to end the chat, as she turned to her mirror leaving me for an instant with the thought that she was altogether too busy for further words. But although her back was turned slightly, she continued speaking:

"Yes, indeed, I have been playing in 'Romance' a very long time. You are quite correct, but indeed I am asked the question very often, so I don't mind at all. I rather like it; am proud, perhaps. Some very clever statisticians assure me that I have played in 'Romance' more than three thousand times, how much more I can't guess. But come, let's walk."

So we walked about the studio. Over in one corner, very close to Cavallini's dressing room, Chet Withey was directing the filming of "Romance," and I was introduced to Mr. Withey. He is a charming fellow and smokes a pipe, and seems to know all that anybody knows about the details of the Sheldon play (if we make the single exception of Cavallini herself).

"Just as soon as the picture is completed," Cavallini said, "we return to England—my husband and I—and fill our contracts there, after which we will go to Paris for a season, and next year we will go on tour on the Continent, and I hope we can get to New York for four weeks. Then we go to Canada; and all the English colonies, and perhaps by that time I shall be quite ready to select another play from three that Mr. Sheldon has submitted to me. I love them all, so the selection is very difficult."

"Cavallini's black velvet dress and the immense hoop-skirts attracted the attention of everybody as we walked through the studio. A great string of matched pearls, from which a pearl cross hung suspended (very near the floor, I thought) was worn by the beautiful opera diva in a most becoming fashion and she toyed with the pearls constantly."

"We played for three years and a half in London during the height of the war, and we had a very hard time getting away. Everybody wanted us to stay, and to play right on. But I wanted the voyage so badly! We got used to the German air raids, eventually, and didn't seem to mind them at all."

Milady picked up her hoop-skirts and stepped lightly over a garden set that Dorothy Gish was using in her picture.

"I enjoyed a brief rest at Cornwall-on-the-Sea, before coming to America. I love that part of England."

Just then a charming young Englishman came up, and Cavallini introduced him to me.

"My husband—Basil Grayson."

What a shock! A second shock instantly followed:

"Telegram for Miss Doris Keane."

"A boy's voice at the lady's elbow!"

And Cavallini, with a smile and an apology, tore open the missive!

So Cavallini is Doris Keane! Or, vice versa!

Then it was explained to me that Mr. Sydney (who, I discovered on close inspection, was attired in the mannish costume of half a century ago) is Miss Keane's leading man in the picture (as on the stage), and is playing the role of Tom Armstrong. That tall man, sitting on that very ancient divan over there, is Norman Trevor, who essays the "villain" role (Van Tuyl), in the photoplay—and altogether splendid "foil" for Tom Armstrong and a good fellow in every-day life. The beautiful girl by his side is Betty Ross Clarke, who in the picture is his niece.

When Chet Withey, summoned Mr. Sydney to stand in the brilliant lights, close up in front of the camera, Cavallini—Miss Keane, rather, decided it was a good opportunity to add a little bit of powder to her make-up, and while the maid was holding the make-up tray, we continued our "chat."

Doris Keane was born in Michigan, and educated in a convent in a suburb of Paris, France. She studied acting under Franklin Sargeant, in the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Her first part was "Rose," in "Whitewashing Julia," with Charles Frohman's company, and later she made a deep impression because of her work in John Drew's "De Lacey." Miss Keane was cast for the part of Rachael Neve in "The Hypocrites," when the Sir Henry Arthur Jones play was given its world premiere in New York. She played the part with great success, and followed this by playing many parts in stock. She will be remembered in "Gypsy," "The Other Girl," "Friends," "A Social Highwayman," "The Middleman," "Pascual Valley," "Too Like O' Me," "His Wife's Family," "The Happy Marriage," "Arise," "Lupin," "The Lights of London," "The Warning," "Making Good," and "The Affairs of Anatol," principally stock, and "short season" plays. "Romance" was produced at the Maxine Elliott Theatre, New York, February 10, 1913. Then followed a season in New York's year and a half in Chicago, a season in Boston, and almost four years in London! The London premiere was had on October 6, 1915, at the Duke of York's Theatre.

We continued our chat. Rita is a fascinating woman. (There can be no doubt about the thoroughness with which Chet Withey had gone into the pictorialization of "Romance.") He has Louis J. Carter, nephew of the famous "Bully" Brier

—for a cameraman, and Miss Isabelle Hill is attending to the research work, and the "sets" are among the most attractive I have seen. They are appropriate and beautiful. The scenes in which Miss Keane appears were photographed first, in order to permit her to return to England and continue the stage play.

Miss Keane and I were still chatting when the players were dismissed for the night. Basil came across the stage, to escort his wife to her dressing room. As I said, Doris Keane is a wonderful woman and a great actress.

And I don't pretend to understand how Miss Keane can ever stop playing Cavallini, in "Romance."

This wonderful actress in her great story of love and romance will be the feature at the Coronet Theatre next week.

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FOR THE BRITISH.

TOO MANY FOREIGN PICTURES.

A very slight acquaintance with our cinema theatres suffices to discover that much of the entertainment they offer is exotic. Setting, actors, spirit, the very language of the subtitles, whether good or bad, are in many of the films strange to the British eye, says the London Daily Telegraph. Sometimes, we venture to believe, the life exhibited must seem strange to any civilised eye. But with the eccentricities of the film we are not now concerned. Every art has its blunders, and the "movies" cannot be exempt from the efforts of people whose aim is to be startling. A more important question is the excessive proportion of films from abroad in the British theatres. So far as the public are concerned this is not to be considered on economic principles. The British film producer may or may not be justified in complaining of the competition of rivals abroad. Mr. Alder Anderson has just told us that "the film producers in various countries are virtually at war with one another," but the interest of the public is solely in improving the quality of the cinema entertainment. This is plainly not to be done by protection in the economic sense. To exclude foreign films would be as absurd as to exclude foreign plays or foreign books. At last, or, rather, ought to have, no customs houses. A good American or French film has as much right to its turn on the screen as anything which we could produce at home. But it is not trivial prejudice which makes us feel that as things are we have too much of the work of other countries. If a large proportion of the plays which are put on and the books which are offered at the libraries were of foreign origin, and of no very great merit at that, it would be time to take measures for the encouragement of our own authors. The moving picture, whether or not it be, as a keen American critic has said, "the Peter Pan of the arts," is certainly the youngest of them. Other countries discovered its power before we did, and have adapted it, not so much consciously as by a natural process of development, to the "broadcasting" of their national tastes and standards and manner of life.

THE HOME PRODUCT.

Without any animosity the Britisher must feel that this has been overdone. We cannot wish that a large proportion of the ideas which our cinema audiences receive should be imported. Our own national life is, after all, more valuable to us than any other. The "movies" would be more wholesome than they are now if the ratio which the foreign element bears to the British were reversed. We are glad to learn that the industry proposes to take measures which may effect this change. The British National Film League is appealing to the owners of cinema theatres to reserve their screens through a series of weeks in the latter part of 1923 for films made in this country. We wish the appeal all success. It can do nothing but good for film audiences to "discover" what entertainment there is in British life, British scenes, British stories, and British players. Some of the cinema-goers are, of course, familiar enough with other kinds of British art, but many are those who find, and long have found, in the "movies" their only means of artistic pleasure. The pictures appeal to thousands who hear, as yet at least, no other appeal. To them the "noblesse oblige" of the world have been grooves and cowboys and rams and sheep-stick jells. We are not of those who sneer at these diversions. They have their rightful place in a world which cherishes Punch and Judy. But we do not want our children to grow up without having seen anything on the film-screen but melodrama of an alien Punch and Judy. While people want such fare, let it be put out right, and with the best of our own art in it. Let them also have other pictures made out of the present, and the past of this own land, and pictures of a higher purpose.

USE FOR EDUCATION.

Our cinema screens, the Atlantic

can only applaud such a policy, for they are engaged upon a plan to use the films for Americanising America. There are, we read with awe, 18,000 picture theatres in the United States. Every one of them is this week pledged "to enhance the prestige of the American film industry by proving what the screen is capable of as an educational medium" in furthering the purposes of the American Legion's Americanism Commission. There are many ways in which the moving picture can be used for education, and perhaps the least important is that which gives instruction in some particular technical operation. The uses of such films have indeed been proved in various departments, from natural science to rowing. But the moving picture is probably most potent when it appeals to the imagination. Suggestion and stimulus, rather than definite instruction, seem to be the methods from which the greatest educational results may be obtained. But those who plan and produce films must be artists as well as, or even more than, technicians if the cinema is to be something more than a means of killing time. They must be wise in selection, which is the first process of all art, and then we have no doubt they will find in the exploits of the British race, yesterday and to-day, in scenes of British life, in characters racy of the British soil, ample material to work upon. They must have the courage of an artistic conviction, and not be content to copy what is popular, for the copy has no vigour, even commercial. They must recognise that their art of the movies, like every other, has to work out its salvation with its own means, and in so far as it relies on anything but itself is enfeebled. And in the long run it is only the ability of the makers of British films which can win for them the place in the theatres which, for the national welfare, they ought to take.

"TWENTY YEARS AFTER."

ANOTHER DUMAS NOVEL FILMED.

The success of the serial version of "The Three Musketeers" aroused keen anticipations of the sequel, "Twenty Years After," and following upon Mr. Diamant-Bargier's completion of the picture, some spirited bidding went on in Paris for the British rights. Eventually, Mr. Reginald C. Bromhead completed the deal, and assured the distribution of the serial by the Gaumont Co., Ltd.

Editing has been commenced, and the first episodes will be ready for trade show at the end of January. In accordance with the wishes of exhibitors, the company will commence releasing the serial in September.

"Twenty Years After" has already been trade shown in Paris, and according to all reports is a much more ambitious effort than "The Three Musketeers." Several impressive spectacular scenes are particularly referred to as exceptional; they include The Whitehall scene of the Execution of Charles I., the Battle of Lens, and the Riot Scenes outside Notre Dame. Over 5,000 people appeared in some of the scenes, and altogether over 100,000 characters (including the crowd characters, of course) take part in the play, which cost over 4,000,000 francs, to make, and which, in point of production, is said to be easily the equal of anything recently produced in America, with the possible exception of "Robin Hood."



Snub Pollard snapp'd at an embarrassing moment.

EVEREST FILM.

ICE PINNACLES, CRAGS AND CLOUDS.

It may be said without fear of contradiction that Captain J. B. L. Noel's film of the Mount Everest Expedition, which was shown privately by the Royal Geographical Society recently at the Central Hall, is the finest travel film yet produced, writes the Morning Post.

General Bruce, introducing Capt. Noel, said that cinematography was carried out under the most difficult conditions in Tibet. Capt. Noel had carried the cinema camera many thousands feet higher than it had ever gone before, and he had actually spent four days photographing at a height of 28,000 feet, and had taken views at 25,000 feet.

The film is in three parts—the road from Darjeeling into Tibet, the strange monastic life at Rongbuk in Tibet, and the assault on the peak. The baggage, carried first by mules, then by yaks and donkeys, and finally by hand, looks like an Army dump.

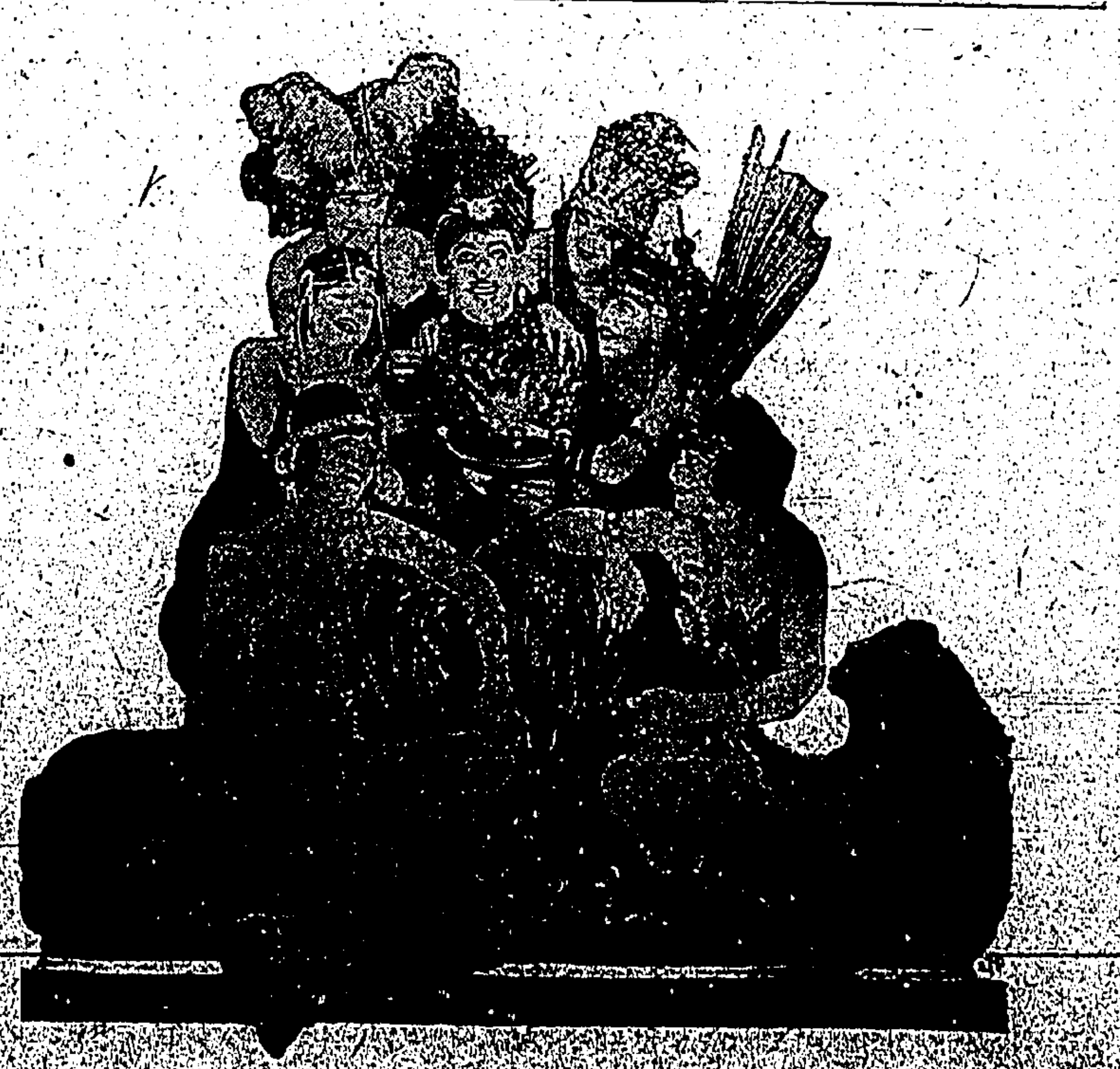
Here are two Nepalese porters who attained 25,000 feet carrying 35 pounds apiece. The road winds through a marvellous forest, covered with perpetual mist from the action of the sun and a rainfall of 185 inches. Insects and forest leeches make travel arduous, while the wonderful cane and fibre bridges hanging over fearful gorges are marvels of human ingenuity.

Over the high Jelep pass the bleak Tibetan plain is swept by a terrific unceasing wind and exasperating dust-storms. Here are the astonishing carved prayer-walls and the fortresses of Kampa Dzong. The Dzongpo, or Governor of Shekar, is interviewed and amused by a typewriter, and another scene shows a working party of men mending a flat roof, the while singing and dancing continuously. The native types are fully recorded. At Shekar, too, are extraordinary houses, with unique architecture, which seem to adhere to the bare cliff. Here is a Tibetan horserace, the riders having to hit targets successively with match-locks, which look like a horse, and bows and arrows.

The chief Lama of Rongbuk is a most holy man, but not above being photographed. The rites and dances are most elaborate, while beggars and musicians put out their tongues by way of salutation.

Capt. Noel's scenes on the peak itself are extremely fine also, particularly those of the climbers taken through a telephoto lens at a distance of two miles. The ice pinnacles, boiling heights, and clouds sweeping over the crags like smoke driven by the blast, are subjects for poems.

Mr. Thomas Hardy, the author, who is 82, has sent the following maxim for members of the Dorchester Debating Society:—"Have nothing to do, and if you have you will discover a method of saying it."



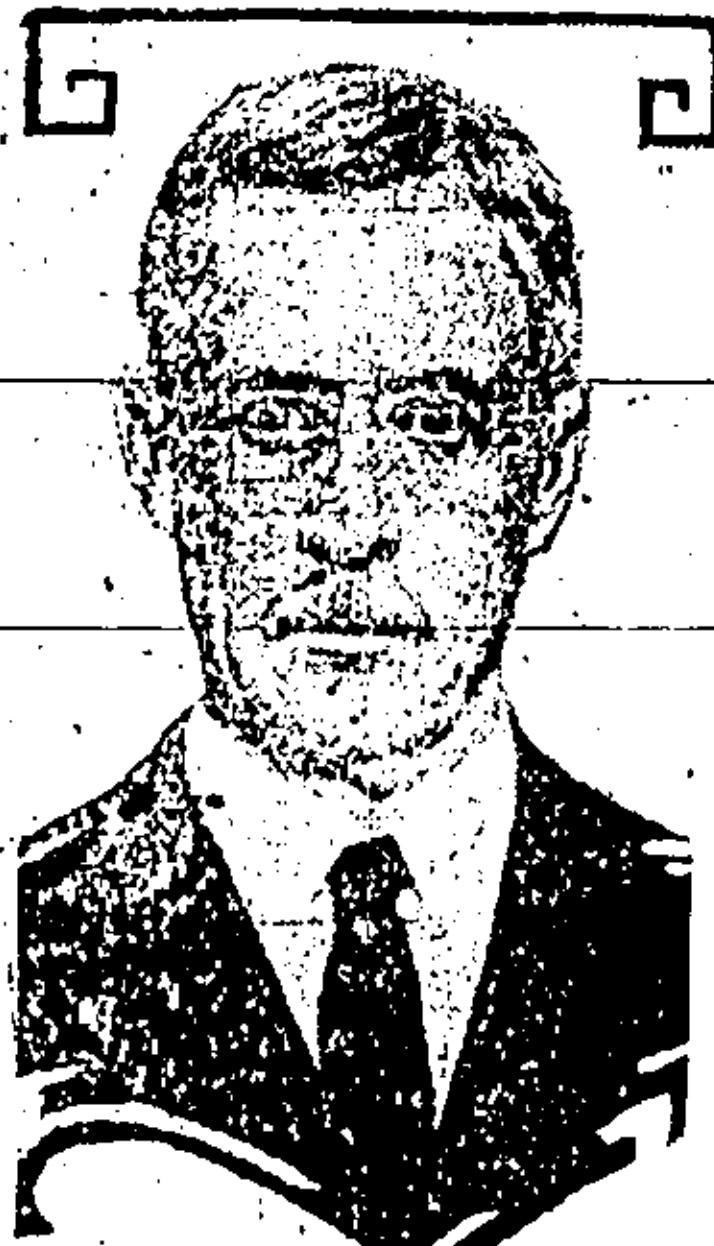
Some of the Vanity Fair set.



Baby Rita aided in the New York drive for the sale of Christmas Seals, the proceeds of which are devoted to a national fight against tuberculosis.



Mrs. Grace Baratti has been arrested on a charge of murdering her husband, George Baratti, pianist and composer, who was found shot dead in their apartment. She had been an artists' model.



Governor Parker

Has opened a national fight against the Ku-Klux Klan.



Nathan I. Miller

Being considered for a place on the United States Supreme Court by President Harding, according to messages from Washington.



Above: Ernest Blythe, Prof. John MacNeill and Kevin O'Higgins. Below: M. Jos. McGrath, William Cosgrave, Desmond Fitzgerald and Richard Mulcahy.

Here are the men who will guide the destinies of the new Irish Free State: William Cosgrave, President; Richard Mulcahy, Minister of Defence; Desmond Fitzgerald Minister of Foreign Affairs; Kevin O'Higgins, Minister of Home Affairs; Professor John MacNeill, one of the most learned of the Irish leaders, Minister of Education; M. Joseph McGrath, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour; and Ernest Blythe, Minister of Local Government.



Hubert K. Clay

Hubert K. Clay, said to be a descendant of Henry Clay, now a student at Harvard, who was warned to leave the university because of his criticisms of the Ku Klux Klan, is dangerously ill. He has left his college studies and is said to be travelling through the South in an effort to regain his broken health. His roommates deny that Clay left through fear of the Klan.

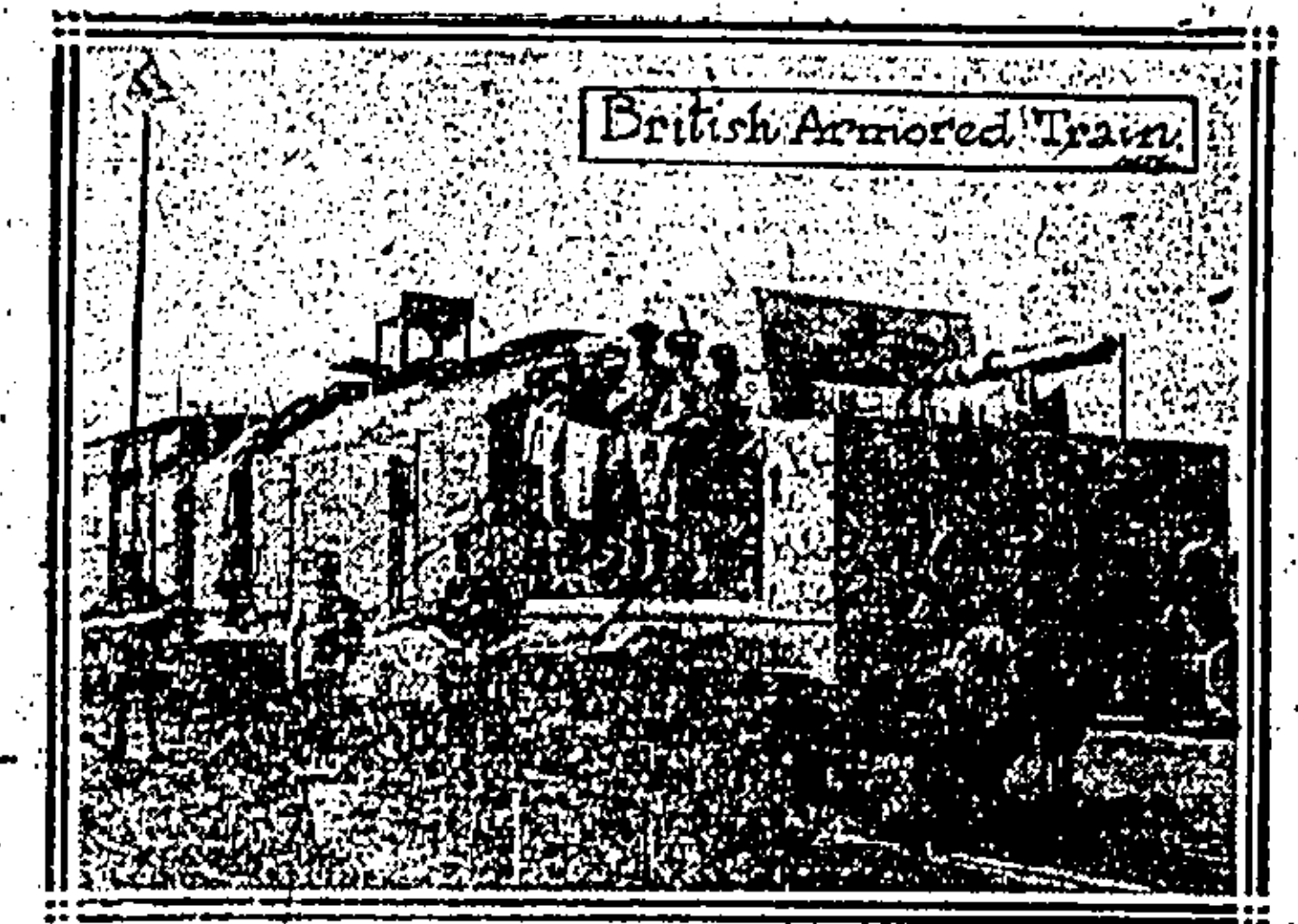


Dr. H.W. Evans

The newly-elected Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. In his first public speech, he declared that Roman Catholics and Jews are the only real enemies of the Klan.



Rory O'Connor and Liam Mellows executed by the Irish Free State in Dublin, in reprisal for the assassination of Deputy Sean Hales, who was shot down in front of his hotel.



Preparing for all eventualities, the British Army has sent the heavily armoured train 'Maribor' to Constantinople.



Mrs. Oliver Harriman, National President of the Camp Fire Girls of America, is shown, with a number of her wards, at a benefit bridge party given in New York City.

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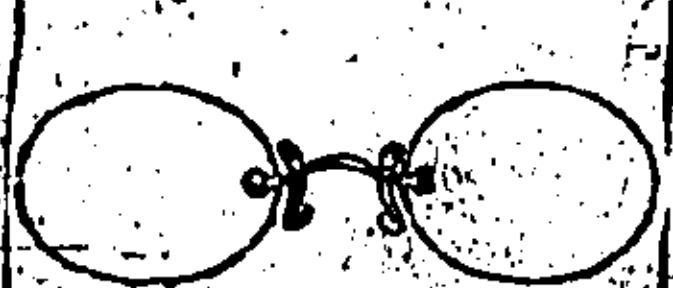
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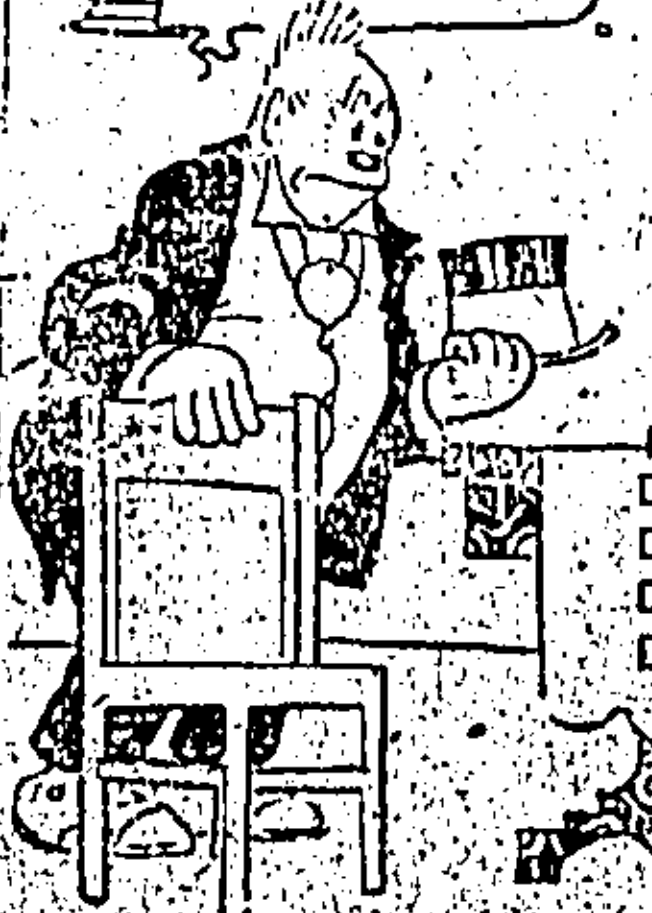
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